

Garrett and his family also run a statewide nonprofit called “Cal Rare” that focuses on advocating for rare disease patients.

For nearly 30 years, Garrett has diligently served the Alameda County community. His dedication to community safety and transparency has made him an asset at DPS and the community. I wish him well-deserved rest, relaxation, and many Major League Baseball stadium visits with his wife, Angela, and his children, Delaney, Cassidy, and Andrew, as he enters this new chapter.

#### HONORING PHOEBE WOOD

#### HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 14, 2023*

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Phoebe Wood as part of Women's History Month.

As one of Louisville's most active angel investors, Phoebe was named the 2016 Business First Louisville Woman of Achievement, and was named to the Junior Achievement Kentuckiana Business Hall of Fame in 2019. She currently chairs the board of trustees for the American Printing House for the Blind, demonstrating her continued commitment to some of our most vulnerable communities. I thank Phoebe for her service to Kentucky's Third District.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. VITO IMBASCIANI

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 14, 2023*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Vito Imbasciani who is retiring after nearly eight years as Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

Vito Imbasciani earned his master's degree and doctorate from Cornell University before attending the University of Vermont College of Medicine where he earned his medical degree. He then attended Yale University School of Medicine where he completed his internship and residency in general surgery and his fellowship in urology.

Dr. Imbasciani's highly decorated career began in 1986 as a surgeon for the U.S. Army Medical Corps where he continued to serve for nearly three decades. During his time serving as a surgeon for the Medical Corps he also held the position of State Surgeon for the California Army National Guard, where he advised the Adjutant General on health issues impacting thousands of national guard members, while working as a field surgeon in Iraq and a Level 3 surgeon at the Landstuhl Army Hospital in Germany. In total he had four deployments including the liberation of Kuwait, Operation Desert Storm and the Global War against Terrorism, earning the rank of colonel and receiving awards such as the Combat Medic Badge and the Meritorious Service Award. In addition to serving his state and country, Dr. Imbasciani worked as Director of Government Relations and as a urologic surgeon for Southern California Permanente Medical Group (Kaiser Permanente).

During the time of his military service, Vito had to conceal his sexual identity due to the “Don't Ask, Don't Tell” policy. However, because of the unwavering efforts of then-President Obama which resulted in the 2010 repeal of the policy—which Vito was recognized by the president as a source of inspiration for—Dr. Imbasciani and thousands of other service members can now serve their country openly and proudly. Vito's support of the LGBTQ+ community is evident by the creation of a lecture fund, with his spouse, George DiSalvo, in 2013 with the aim of ensuring culturally capable physicians who can provide prevention services and medical care specific to the LGBTQ+ community.

In 2015, Dr. Imbasciani was appointed by then-Governor Jerry Brown as Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs and was reappointed by Governor Gavin Newsom in 2020.

Under Dr. Imbasciani's stellar leadership, the California Department of Veterans Affairs has seen numerous successes, including greatly reducing the backlog of veterans' benefit claims, assisting veterans with receiving home loans, providing funding for thousands of veteran housing units, increasing outreach to women and minority veterans, and providing legal assistance to veterans seeking citizenship. Other noteworthy accomplishments include introducing the California Transition Assistance Program (CalTAP) to educate veterans about their benefits, opening a long-awaited cemetery in Monterey County for veterans and eligible family members, providing veterans with much-needed mental health treatment, and one of his personal highlights, achieving the best nursing home ratings from U.S. News and World Report for their homes in Redding, Yountville, Chula Vista, Barstow and Fresno.

Dr. Vito Imbasciani has been an invaluable asset and outstanding public servant and I ask all Members to join me in thanking him for his service as Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### HONORING RUTHANNE CONNOR-KING AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 14, 2023*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, as regular visitors from Syracuse, Ruthanne and her husband knew that Hunter's Creek was the place for them after retirement in 2014. Ruthanne immediately began exploring opportunities for involvement. She joined her neighborhood committee and became an active member of the Council of Directors, comprised of all neighborhood representatives. She joined the Hunter's Creek Emergency Response Team, whose training allows resident assistance in an emergency, such as a hurricane.

In 2015, Ruthanne was elected to the Hunter's Creek Community Association Master Board of Directors. She has served faithfully and is currently president; she previously served as director, secretary, and vice president. Ruthanne has been involved in countless initiatives, including working with local

government to voice concerns regarding a proposal to bisect Hunter's Creek by using the 417 as a highspeed rail corridor. She worked tirelessly to fight development of the former Hunter's Creek Golf Course parcel, since current infrastructure cannot support dense growth. Her involvement in the community's multi-million-dollar investment in responsible stormwater management has been crucial in maintaining Hunter's Creek as a premier community. She was chosen by Commissioner Nicole Wilson to participate in county redistricting efforts. She is a proponent of a plan to maximize community greenspaces.

Ruthanne is very vocal about volunteerism and its essential role in maintaining a thriving and vibrant society. Though her career experience has served her well, she possesses qualities that easily surpass her business background. Ruthanne's care for the community and its people is unparalleled. An advocate for open lines of communication and civil discourse, she is respectful of all views and strives to make the best decisions for the greater good, which can be challenging with input from a population of 25,000. Ruthanne is a strong leader and her indelible mark upon her community will remain for generations to come.

#### INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION REQUIRING MEMBERS AND STAFF TO RECEIVE MEDICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

THE OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 14, 2023*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a resolution to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to require every Member, officer and employee of the House of Representatives to receive medical emergency preparedness training, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). Requiring all Members and staff to be trained in medical emergency preparedness would help ensure that care is immediately available to those in the Capitol Complex experiencing a medical emergency.

Individuals trained in medical emergency preparedness can provide vital care during medical emergencies. When Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords was wounded during a 2011 mass shooting, Daniel Hernández Jr., her 20-year-old college intern, provided Giffords with lifesaving CPR.

When responding to a medical emergency, every second counts. For example, immediate CPR and the use of an AED can make a critical difference for those experiencing cardiac arrest. CPR can double or triple the chance of surviving a cardiac arrest, and the survival rate of cardiac arrest decreases by ten percent for every minute that defibrillation is delayed.

Millions of Americans saw the value of CPR and the use of an AED during the Buffalo Bills football game on January 2, 2023, when Bills player Damar Hamlin suffered cardiac arrest during the game. Team personnel performed CPR and used an AED on Hamlin, likely saving his life.